

### ***Remarks***

No new matter has been added. The specification has been amended to add a cross-reference to related applications, and to direct the entry of this sequence listing after the claims of the above identified application. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-36 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 15, 17, 23 and 27 being the independent claims. New claims 30-36 are sought to be added. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to conform with current U.S. patent practice and to correct typographical errors. Support for the new and amended claims can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), this submission includes no new matter.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith in the above application are the same.

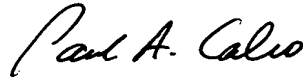
### ***Conclusion***

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for

allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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